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PLEASANT HILL CHURCH,
Newton County, October 8th, 1859.

This day convened with Pleasant Hill Church, the Delegates to the twenty-third annual session of Mount Pisgah Baptist Association, together with a large congregation, and were addressed by Elder WM. A. HUTSON, who preached the Introductory Sermon, founded upon 9th verse, 3d chap. 1st Cor. "For we are laborers together with God."

After an intermission of half an hour the delegates met in the church house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder L. P. Murrell. Brother A. Goss prayed.

Elders D. D. Booth and A. Goss, appointed to preach at the Stand.

W. J. Morris and H. E. Chambers, appointed to read letters. Brother W. R. Butler, Assistant Clerk.

A. Eastland, B. B. Windham and J. Holland were appointed Committee on Finance.

Letters were read from thirty-nine Churches, and their general statistics noticed, and the names of the delegates enrolled. From Raleigh no communication. (See table of Churches.)

Brothers J. Morris and T. M. Weaver were appointed Teilers, and the Association proceeded to elect their officers. L. P. Murrell was elected Modetator; N. L. Clarke, Clerk; and J. Bailiff, Treasurer. The Moderator made a few remarks appropriate, and announced the Association ready for business. The reading of the Rules of Decorum dispensed with. Visiting brethren invited to seats with the body.

An opportunity was afforded for the admission of new Churches into the body. Hephziba Church, Newton County, Miss., made application by letter and delegates, and being found orderly and orthodox, was admitted.

Committee on Preaching—C. H. Johnston, M. B. Kirk, J. Canadas, with the Deacons of Pleasant Hill Church.

Received correspondence from the following bodies:

Ebenezer Association—A letter and bundle of Minutes. Their messengers failed. To convene with Providence Church, Perry County, Miss.

Harmony—Elder D. D. Booth, messenger with a letter. To convene with New Prospect Church, Rankin County, Miss.

General Association of Regular Baptist of Southeast Mississippi—Elder J. Morris, with a bundle of Minutes.

From Elder A. C. Dayton, Secretary of the Board of the Southern Baptist S. S. Union, a letter and bundle of the Childrens' Friend. A bundle of Minutes from the State Convention of Mississippi.

Resolved, That for the future our letter of correspondence be published in the Minutes.

Returned correspondence to Sister Associations: To Ebenezer—J. A. Hitt, Messenger. Bethlehem—W. West, Messenger. Harmony—W. A. Hutson, Messenger.

Correspondence with Strong River discontinued.

Appointed the following committees:

On Queries and Requests—W. West, A. Clarke, H. Dunn.

To Write Letters—H. E. Chambers, J. D. Jones, W. A. Gatewood, Jr.

On state of Religion and Publications—T. D. Baine, B. M. Spangler, W. A. Hutson, J. P. Gray.

On Nominations—H. Gill, A. Eastland, R. R. Hardy.

On Missions—W. R. Butler, W. J. Morris, N. L. Clarke,

On Sabbath Schools—W. J. Morris, J. Morris, J. Herrington.

On the Proper Instruction of the Colored Population—N. L. Clarke, J. Bailiff, J. Anderson, R. R. Hardy.

On a Consecrated Ministry and its Support—A. Clarke, W. J. Morris, W. West, W. A. Hutson, T. D. Baine.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up on Lord's Day for Domestic Missions.

Committee on Preaching reported that Elders J. Morris and A. Goss preach on Lord's Day, and that N. L. Clarke close the services.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY.

At 11 o'clock Brother J. Morris preached in the Church house, and Brother W. West, at the stand. In the evening, Brother A. Goss at the stand. Brother Clarke closed the services. The congregations were large and attentive; and from the order observed and the attention given, it is hoped that much good will result.

A public collection was taken up for Domestic Missions, amounting to forty dollars and sixty-six cents. Also, a small amount for education.

MONDAY, October 10.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The roll called. The former order of business adopted.

Called for reports of Committees. Committee on Preaching reported, that Brothers J. Herrington, D. D. Booth and A. Goss, occupy the stand on Monday.

Committee to Write Letters, reported. Report adopted. (See No. 1.)

Committee on State of Religion and Publications, reported. Report adopted. (See No. 2.)

Committee on Queries and Requests, reported. Report adopted, after amendment. (See No. 3.)

Committee on Nominations, reported. Report adopted. (See No. 4.)

Committee on Finance, reported. Report adopted. (See No. 5.)

Committee on Missions, reported. Report adopted. (See No. 6.)

Committee on Sabbath Schools, reported. Report adopted. (See No. 7.)

Committee on Proper Instruction of the Colored Population, reported. Report adopted. (See No. 8.)

Committee on Consecrated Ministry and its Support, reported. After some discussion the matter was referred to a special committee, with instruction to report at the next annual meeting of the Association. W. J. Morris, A. Eastland and J. Bailiff, said committee.

Resolved, That this Association represent herself in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union, to convene at Canton, Miss., in connection with the 4th Lord's Day in November next.

A. Eastland, W. R. Butler, W. J. Morris and L. P. Murrell, were appointed representatives. The sum of twenty dollars was raised and sent as a contribution to said Union.

On motion, proceeded to appoint representatives to the General Association of R. B. of S. E. Miss. R. P. Irvin, I. Bailiff, C. H. Johnston, W. West, R. R. Hardy, J. Parker, J. Bell, J. Anderson, L. P. Murrell, W. J. Morris, H. C. Simmons, B. B. Windham, G. W. Barnes, G. F. Smith, N. L. Clarke, T. D. Baine and H. Gill, were appointed.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this body pay over to the representatives to the General Association, whatever amount may be in his hands for benevolent purposes, and one hundred dollars of the amount on hand for Associational purposes, and that it be appropriated to Domestic Missions in Southeast Mississippi.

Resolved, That the 4th Article of the Rules of Decorum of this Association be so amended as to add to its present form, the sentence: "Provided, that no brother shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two years in succession." And the 6th so as to read: "Every Church shall be allowed two Delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed 100, and then three until it shall exceed 150, and then four, and no more."

Resolved, That the Clerk have the Abstract of Faith, Gospel Order and Powers of this Association, together with the Rules of Decorum, published in the Minutes of this session.

Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty of the Churches to deal with their members, who aid in the evils of intemperance, by recommending

and aiding individuals in obtaining license and authority of law to trade in, and retail intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That the Clerk prepare, have printed, and distribute the Minutes—reserving a sufficient number for purposes of correspondence, and receive twenty dollars for his services; and draw on the Treasurer for the funds necessary for the same.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with Beulah Baptist Church, Saturday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1860.

Resolved, That Elder W. R. Butler preach the next Introductory Sermon, and that Elder N. L. Clarke be his alternate.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association are due, and hereby tendered to Pleasant Hill Church and vicinity, for their kindness and liberality to us while among them.

Resolved, That a letter of dismission be granted to Ellisville Church.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet with Beulah Church, seven miles northeast of Decatur, Newton county, Miss., Saturday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1860.

The Minutes were read and adjusted. A hymn was sung, and the parting hand of christian affection was given. Thus passed and closed, in great harmony, the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of Mount Pisgah Association. Closing prayer by Elder Joseph Morris.

L. P. MURRELL, Moderator.

N. L. CLARKE, Clerk.

Names of Ordained Ministers.

W. B. BUTLER, Hillsboro.
W. A. HUTSON, Morton.
L. P. MURRELL, Conehatta.
N. L. CLARKE, Decatur.
H. GILL, Decatur.
D. KILLEN, Union.
A. WINSTEAD, Herbert.
A. CLARKE, Sherman Hill.
D. DOVE, Union.
J. HERRINGTON, Philadelphia.
J. WILLIAMS, Garlandsville.
W. WEST.
T. D. BAINE, Claiborne.
J. H. RUSH, Claiborne.
J. A. HITT, Pineville.
J. GRIFFITH, Raleigh.

Licentiates.

G. MYERS, Union.
B. M. SPANGLER, Battlefield.
JOEL SCARBOROUGH, do.
J. BELL, Chunkeyville.
E. S. ROBINSON, Paulding.
W. FLANAGAN, Garlandsvil.
JOHN THORNTON, Raleigh.
G. F. SMITH, Conehatta.
G. W. BARNES, Pineville.

APPENDICES.

No. 1.

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Mount Pisgah Association of Regular Baptist, in Annual Session, for 1859,

To all Bodies with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:—Through the blessings and mercies of our Heavenly Master, we have again been permitted to meet together in our associated capacity, and are glad to say that very near all the Churches composing our body have represented themselves in this our annual meeting; and, dear Brethren, we feel to say, from the statements from the Churches, that many of them have enjoyed precious revivals of religion during the past year. And we feel to hope that many poor sinners have been converted and found Christ precious to their souls. Whilst other Churches complain of coldness and barrenness upon the subject of religion, yet, from all the facts before us, we are led to the conclusion that the Redeemer's Kingdom is advancing in this part of his moral vineyard. For all further particulars we refer you to our Messengers and Minutes. We thank you for your friendly correspondence, and solicit a continuance of the same. Our next meeting will be held with Beulah Church, seven miles north-east of Decatur, Newton County, Miss., on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1860. We ask an interest in your prayers. And may the Great Head of the Church, who loved us and gave himself for us, preside over you in all your deliberations. Approved.

PLEASANT HILL, Newton Co., Miss., October 10, 1859.

L. P. MURRELL, Moderator.

N. L. CLARKE, Clerk.

No. 2.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION, AND PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee would report, that judging from the statements made in the letters from the Churches composing this Association, that the cause of Religion is in a hopeful condition. It is a matter of thankfulness to God, that all the Churches of the body are regularly supplied with the stated preaching of the word; and that during the past year many precious souls have been called from darkness to light, and from Satan to God. Revivals of Religion have taken place in various parts of the world, and our own region of country has been blessed with the outpourings of God's spirit. God has answered the prayers of his people and refreshed the Churches. Whereunto we have attained to any measure of spiritual prosperity, let us walk by the same rule—let us mind the same thing. Let

us continue to pray, and use every lawful means for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Let us open our hearts and hands and assist our Ministers, that they may have opportunity to study the word, and so inform their minds that they may be able to preach the word in its purity, that their congregations may be the more benefited. True, the work is the Lord's, yet we are his servants, and it is through us that the world is to be brought to the knowledge of the truth; therefore, let him that glorieth, glory in the Lord. On publications, we only say that it is to the interest of the people of God to read every thing with regard to His Word that would inform their minds with regard to its teachings. We recommend the Mississippi Baptist, the Tennessee Baptist, the Childrens' Friend and the Southern Baptist Review. Respectfully submitted,

T. D. BAINE, Chairman.

No. 3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee in reporting, recommend that the request of Ellisville Church, for a letter of dismission, be granted; and that the next annual meeting of this body be held with Beulah Church, rather than Bethel or Tallahatta, all three of which requested it. Submitted.

W. WEST, Chairman.

No. 4.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee nominate Elder Wm. R. Butler to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder N. L. Clarke his alternate.

Respectfully submitted. H. GILL, Chairman.

No. 5.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance, report. That they have examined the Treasurer's Report, and find a balance in his hands for Associational purposes amounting to..... $ 66 00
Received from the Churches for Associational purposes this session. 135 10
Received for Domestic Missions..... 34 80
Received from public collection on Lord's Day, D. M..... 40 60
Received for Education..... 25

Total..... $276 75

All of which, is respectfully submitted.

A. EASTLAND, Chairman.

No. 6.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report, that in their judgment there is great reason for the people of God to feel thankful and take courage from the accumulating evidences of success attending their Missionary operations. Well may they say, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Their labors have been approved of by God, signally blessed and sanctified to the spread of the Gospel, in its salutary effects, at home, among the Indians, and in Foreign fields. When we come to trace the History of Missions back, even no further than a century ago, when comparatively darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the people, and observe the gradual yet steady advance of the truth in its purity, does it not afford a powerful stimulus to rouse up the Churches, to double their diligence, renew their energies and concentrate their powers to go on in the good work from conquest to victory, until final victory shall perch upon the standard of the faithful, self-denying, self-sacrificing missionary. While we may rejoice over the success God has given us in our labor of love, we should not overlook the important fact that much land remains yet to be possessed, both at home and abroad.

How is it to be done? Important question, but easily answered. The Scriptures furnish a satisfactory answer. Past experience corroborates the Bible proof that the Gospel is the means. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "How can they preach except they be sent?" and how can they be sent except they be sustained. And how can they be sustained except by the liberality, prayers and co-operation of their brethren? For it is ordained that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. The work is the Lord's and the power is his. He sits behind all second causes and moves them by the power of His Spirit. He propels this mighty engine, with his own omnipotent arm, crushing all opposition, tearing down the works of the Devil, demolishing heathen idols and establishing his own everlasting Kingdom in the earth. Then, brethren, let us "come up to the help of the Lord, against the mighty." The means must be in proportion to the difficulties to be surmounted. Let brethren and Churches not stand aloof from the work, because they may feel that they cannot do much, let them remember that as many small rivulets form the great river, so many united efforts and many small streams of charity, make the great stream that sustains and floats the old ship of Zion, laden with her cargo of precious souls, bound for a better land. Therefore, we earnestly recommend to the Churches within our bounds and affectionately urge upon them to represent themselves in the General Association of Southeast Mississippi, and to contribute liberally of the means God has given them.

In conclusion, we, your Committee, would also urge upon the brethren and Churches the important duty, in view of the scarcity of laborers and the extent of the fields, "which are already white unto the harvest," to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest—more and faithful laborers into His harvest.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. BUTLER, Chairman.

No. 7.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to offer the following report: That we regret to see so little interest manifested in this the *most important* department of education.

The proper and judicious education, and consequent development of the physical part of man, is certainly commendable.

The proper and judicious education, and consequent intellectual development of the mental part of man, that he may be capable to enjoy himself intellectually, and qualified for large and extended usefulness in social intercourse with his fellow man, is to be as much more commended as mind exceeds matter. Parents are fully awake to the interests of their offspring, in this part of education, provable from the abundance of institutions of learning well and admirably adapted to this end—our Scientific and Literary Institutes and Colleges, the cradles of our liberties, intellectually, civilly, and may we add religiously?

The proper and judicious education, and consequent moral development of the spiritual part of man, rises then in a scale that beggars our most extended powers of computation. Man may be physically deformed—his intellect uncultivated, but if the soul is properly cared for, death brings his relief.

It is the education of the spiritual man, then, that is to be regarded of paramount importance, and a becoming inquiry then is, what are the organized facilities for acquiring it?

The history of the world has gone far to prove that this education, so much needed by our children in youthful capacity, is secured no where else so successfully as in the Sabbath Schools.

Much, it is true, is to be gained from the pulpit, but nothing in proportion to what is to be obtained from a well regulated and conducted Sabbath School, to those youthful minds.

Here, youth receive instruction adapted to their capacities. Here early religious impressions are made, durable as their existence. Here they are taught to remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Here God meets with them and sanctifies them to his cause and service. Here germinates that talent or qualification that so eminently fits them for great good and usefulness in their riper years, in the service of the Divine Master.

From these considerations the great importance of Sabbath Schools is easy of perception. Then why this slothful stupidity in idleness?

Why not arouse to our own interest, and Oh! to the interest of those dear little one's that the Lord has given us and made it our duty to care for? Train up a child in the way he should go, is the duty of parents.

Hitherto, for want of suitable Sabbath School Books some excuse could be urged. Now your Committee are happy to have it in their power to say that this difficulty is fast being removed, (in fact does not now exist,) by the labors of the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union, in the production of a suitable Denominational Sabbath School Literature, so much needed.

Here arises another duty, to-wit: that of promoting the interests of that organization by contributing, in every way in our power, to its objects.

Your Committee, therefore, would offer the following resolutions:

1st. That every Church be urged to form a Sabbath School, and as far as practicable represent themselves in the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union.

2d. That we recommend the adoption and use of the books put forth by that body.

3d. That this Association represent herself in the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Convention, to convene with the Canton Church, including the 4th Sabbath in November proximo.

Submitted.

W. J. MORRIS, Chairman.

No. 8.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROPER INSTRUCTION OF THE COLORED POPULATION.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of proper instruction to the colored people of our country, report. That they are satisfied that it is a matter of vast importance to master and slave, that the slave be well instructed in the great principles and precepts of the Gospel. The Bible, with its teaching, forms the only real basis for temporal well-being and social happiness; while its doctrines and provisions present the only hope of man for eternity—whether master or slave. Were the blacks better informed with regard to their obligation to God, their owners, and one another, masters would have less trouble in governing, and would receive cheerful, and profitable labor—hence they are interested in securing for their blacks a knowledge of the Bible. But we consider that high moral considerations bind the owners of slaves to see that they have fair opportunities for religious improvement. And we are glad to say that there is evidence of increased attention to this important matter. Your Committee, through you, would recommend the Churches to make ample provision at their various places of worship for the accommodation of the black population, and that they be encouraged to attend on the ministration of the word of God; and when practicable, that separate meetings be held for them, where the word may be preached and expounded to them in a manner better suited to their capacity. We also recommend the reading and explaining of the Scriptures in private and in the family, when possible. The importance of the above recommendations will be seen to be the more manifest when we reflect that but few of our blacks are able to read. Submitted.

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

Abstract of Faith and Gospel Order as Amended at this Session.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz :

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity; in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature. Consequently, the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love: that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world: that he calleth them with an holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the power of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the righteousness of God and through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and men—the man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness, to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth, that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER AS AMENDED.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeably to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Law-giver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by Ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion, only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers, to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible Church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each Church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any Church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, or not to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion, whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the Gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn at any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of Delegates chosen by the churches to to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the *Mount Pisgah*.

2. Such Delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Moderator and Clerk shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place; and while in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices. Provided, that no brother shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two years in succession.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their Delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two Delegates and no more, until their number shall exceed one hundred, and then three, until their number shall exceed one hundred and fifty, and then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion, made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided, at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the Chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association; and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over whenever thought necesary.

20. The Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.

22. The Association shall opened by prayer.

23. Immediately after the organization of the Association, the Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	White Males	White Females	Colored	Total Number	Number of Minutes	Educational Purposes.	Domestic Missions	Aims of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Ministerial and Indian Missions	Donation	REMARKS.
Hillsboro',	Scott,	W. B. Butler, A. Eastland,	Hillsboro',	0	3	0	5	0	0	10	34	2	46	20	$4 00	$10 00	4	1	0	0	0	W. R. Butler, P.
Friendship,	Leake,	E. L. Sones'	Pensacola,	0	2	0	3	2	4	7	23	3	33	20	3 00	2 00	3	1	0	0	0	W. H. Hatsel, P.
Pleasant Hill,	Newton,	L. P. Murrell, G. F. Smith,	Conehatta,	19	12	1	8	0	1	58	67	7	131	45	6 00	00	1	1	1	0	0	L. P. Murrell, P.
Union,	Scott,	James Canada, H. Dunn.	Hillsboro',	1	6	0	5	0	0	14	20	0	34	20	3 00	00	2	0	0	0	0	L. P. Murell, S.
Sulphur Spring	Do.	W. Brewer, H. E. Chambers,	County Line,	2	1	1	5	0	0	9	17	0	26	20	3 00	00	3	0	0	0	0	W. A. Hutson, S.
New Prospect,	Do.	Wm. M. Christian,	Hillsboro',	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	15	3	24	20	2 50	00	1	0	0	0	0	W. R. Butler, S.
Ebenezer,	Neshoba,	M. B. Kirk, Thos. McKee,	County Line,	13	5	1	1	1	0	13	19	12	44	20	4 00	00	2	0	0	0	0	D. Killen, S.
Sardis,	Scott,	J. P. Gray. James Jones,	Sebastopol,	39	11	3	10	0	1	33	39	3	75	30	5 00	00	2	0	0	0	0	W. R. Butler.
New Prospect,	Newton,	Thomas Jones,	County Line,	0	2	0	1	1	0	6	11	5	22	16	1 50	1 50	4	0	0	0	0	D. Dove, S.
Bedland.	Neshoba,	G. Myers, W. F. Hunt,	Union,	0	5	0	2	1	0	8	14	3	25	15	1 50	1 50	1	0	1	0	0	N. L. Clarke, S.
Centre Hill	Do.	J. Holland, J. Herrington.	Philadelphia,	0	11	0	5	0	1	16	11	0	27	20	3 00	00	3	1	0	0	0	A. Winstead, S.
Fellowship,	Lauderdale,	A. Pace, J. W. Sowell,	Marion,	1	6	0	7	1	2	20	33	19	72	40	5 00	5 00	2	0	0	0	0	N. L. Clarke, S.
Zion,	Kemper,	B. B. Windham,	Calvert's Store,	2	2	2	9	2	4	10	22	2	34	15	2 50	2 00	1	0	0	0	0	A. Winstead, S.
Herbert,	Neshoba,	J. Miller, J. Hoy,	Herbert,	2	6	0	4	5	0	11	18	14	43	20	2 00	00	4	0	0	0	0	John White, S.
Bluff Spring,	Do.	O. F. Brejand,	Do.	1	3	0	0	0	1	11	22	0	33	20	2 50	3 80	1	1	0	0	0	D. Killen, P.
Tallahatta,	Newton,	B. M. Spangler,	Battle Field,	5	14	2	5	0	2	25	32	2	59	25	6 25	00	2	1	2	0	0	A. Winstead, P.
Beulah,	Do.	A. Grisset,	Decatur,	38	9	2	33	1	1	23	43	12	78	30	7 50	7 00	4	1	0	0	0	D. Killen, S.
Pinckney,	Do.	H. Gill. B. B. Martin.	Union,	4	5	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	43	25	3 00	00	3	1	0	0	0	H. Gill, P.
Decatur,	Do.	N. L. Clarke, J. Bailiff,	Decatur,	13	17	3	6	1	1	29	58	18	105	50	5 00	00	1	1	0	0	0	N. L. Clarke, P.
Poplar Spring,	Do.	C. Wells, D. Gilbert,	Garlandsville,	0	3	0	1	0	0	7	10	0	17	20	3 00	00	4	0	0	0	0	H. Gill, S.
Pine Ridge,	Do.	M. Wilder, J. Parker,	Conehatta,	4	11	0	9	0	2	15	21	6	42	25	3 00	00	4	0	0	0	0	L. P. Murrell, S.
Mt. Vernon,	Do.	J. Pearse,	Garlandsville,	0	0	0	2	1	0	8	14	3	25	15	2 00	00	2	0	0	0	0	H. Gill, S.
Bethel.	Do.	R. Wells, H. C. Simmons,	Do.	16	4	1	3	0	1	17	36	12	64	25	4 00	00	3	0	0	0	0	L. P. Murrell, S.
Tallahala,	Scott,	A. Clarke,	Sherman Hill,	0	6	0	5	2	0	8	13	1	22	20	3 00	00	1	1	1	0	0	J. Williams, S.
Garlandsville,	Jasper.	C. H. Johnston, J. Anderson,	Garlandsville,	1	4	0	16	1	0	5	10	5	20	20	2 00	00	4	0	1	0	0	N. L. Clarke, S.
Good Hope,	Newton,	J. W. Hale,	Buckleys Store,	9	7	1	10	1	1	22	32	1	55	35	3 00	00	3	0	0	0	0	N. L. Clarke, S.
Mt. Pisgah,	Jasper,	R. R. Hardy,	Garlandsville,	5	13	0	9	2	0	18	32	1	51	30	3 00	00	2	0	0	0	0	W. Thigpen, S.
Tallahoma,	Do.	J. Blackwell. J. West,	Do.	28	16	1	18	2	0	19	25	0	44	20	3 00	00	2	1	0	0	0	J. Williams, P.
Antioch,	Do.	W. West. R. P. Irvin,	Turnersville,	34	20	0	9	1	0	32	49	4	85	50	6 00	00	3	1	0	0	0	W. West, P.
Ebenezer,	Do.	Thos. D. Baine,	Claiborne,	5	0	0	4	1	0	19	30	6	55	25	3 25	00	1	2	0	0	0	W. West, S.
Ellisville,	Jones,	Letter.	Ellisville,	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	4	3	10	10	1 00	00	3	0	0	0	0	J. A. Boutwell, S.
Leaf River,	Smith,	G. W. Barnes, W. Warren,	Pineville,	3	2	0	7	0	2	10	38	6	54	30	3 00	00	4	0	1	0	0	W. West, S.
Hope Well,	Scott,	W. A. Gatewood, Jr.	Homewood,	0	4	0	9	0	0	6	10	4	20	12	1 50	00	1	0	0	0	0	A. Clarke, S.
Line Creek,	Do.	W. A. Hutson, R. Davis,	Morton,	0	3	0	14	0	1	17	23	1	41	25	5 00	00	1	1	0	0	0	W. A. Hutson, P.
Spring Hill,	Rankin,	M. Gordon,	Do.	3	2	0	1	1	0	8	10	2	20	25	5 00	00	1	0	0	0	0	W. A. Hutson, S.
Shilo,	Smith,	W. Thomas, P. Davis,	Trenton,	0	3	0	1	0	0	8	14	0	22	15	1 50	2 00	4	0	0	0	0	S. J. Hitt, S.
Mt. Carmel,	Do.	J. A. Hitt,	Pineville,	9	13	0	2	0	1	15	21	1	37	30	4 00	00	3	1	0	0	0	J. A. Hitt, P.
Raleigh,	Do.	No Correspondence,	Raliegh,	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	43	5	61	25	0 00	00	0	0	0	0	0	J. Griffith, P.
Salem,	Do.	G. Johnston,	Do.	0	2	0	7	0	0	8	9	0	17	15	2 00	00	1	0	0	0	0	J. A. Hitt, S.
Paulding,	Jasper,	W. J. Morris,	Paulding,	1	2	0	8	0	0	8	13	2	23	25	2 50	00	3	0	1	0	0	T. D. Baine, S.
Rephziba,	Newton.	J. Bell, J. L. Furguson,	Chunkeyville,	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	2 00	00	2	0	1	0	0	H. Gill, S.
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MINUTES

OF THE

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association.

BEULAH CHURCH, Newton Co., Miss., Oct. 13, 1860.

This day convened with Beulah Church, the delegat to the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, together with a large congregation, and were addressed by Elder W. R. Butler, who preached the Introductory Sermon, founded on Mark 1:15: "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

After an intermission of half an hour, the delegates met at the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder L. P. Murrell, who led in prayer.

Brethren J. H. Rush, A. Clarke, and H. E. Chambers, were appointed to read letters.

Brothers C. C. Gorham, W. C. Porter, and W. W. Hardy, were appointed a committee on Finance.

Letters were read from thirty-six churches, the names of their delegates enrolled, and their general statistics noticed. No representation from Paulding and Mt. Vernon. Raleigh dissolved. (See Table of Churches.)

The Association proceeded to elect officers, bros. M. M. Keith and W. L. McIntosh acting as tellers, which resulted in the choice of Elder N. L. Clarke, Moderator, W. R. Butler, Clerk, and Ishmael Bailiff, Treasurer.

The Moderator after making a few appropriate remarks, announced the Association ready for business.

Reading the Rules of Decorum attended to.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Bro. W. Cecil Beecher, of the Coliseum Place Baptist church, N. O., on

presenting his church letter, was introduced to the Association, and cordially invited to a seat with us.

Committee on Preaching appointed--Bros. Wm. Graham, J. M. Pace, B. Hawkins, E. J. Collins and J. E. Trailer composing said committee.

An opportunity for the admission of new churches was given.

The following having presented petitionary letters by the hands of their respective delegates, and being found orthodox and orderly, were admitted into the fellowship of this body, viz: Etahoma, Jasper county, Miss.; High Hill, Smith county, Miss.; Morton, Scott county, Miss.; County Line, Jones county, Miss.; County Line, Neshoba county, Miss.

Committee on Preaching, reported: That Bro. J. P. Johnston preach on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M.—Bro. Murrell conclude. In the evening Bro. N. L. Clarke preach.

Called for correspondence; and received, as follows:—

From Strong River Association, Elder Meek with a letter and a bundle of Minutes.

From Ebenezer Association—Elders J. P. Johnston and J. Anderson, with letter and minutes.

From Bethlehem Association—Bro. J. L. Matthews, with letter and minutes.

The Choctaw Association applied for correspondence with this body, through Elder Isaac White, her messenger.

On motion,

Resolved, That Bro. White be received as Correspondent from said body.

On motion,

Resolved, That Bro. J. Anderson be recognized as Correspondent from the General Association of Regular Baptists of S. E. Mississippi.

APPOINTED COMMITTEES, AS FOLLOWS:

On Queries and Requests—Bros. W. West, D. Fore, and A. Grisset.

To Write Letters—Bros. A. Clarke, H. E. Chambers, A. C. Gunn.

On State of Religion and Publications—Bros. J. H. Rush, J. A. Hitt, S. P. Pool, W. A. Hutson, Wm. Sterling.

On Nominations—Bros. W. A. Hutson, J. Hale, W. M. Flannagan.

On Missions—Bros. L. P. Murrell, J. W. Faulkner, J. Pledger, M. Waldrip.

On motion, N. L. Clarke added.

On Sabbath Schools—Bros. W. R. Butler, H. Eastland, A. Winstead.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee on Instruction of the colored popu'ation be dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up for Missions, after the 11 o'clock service on Lord's day.

The Association adjourned to 9 o'clock, A. M. Monday.

Prayer by the Moderator.

SABBATH.

The brethren appointed to labor on Lord's day, filled their respective places, and performed the duties assigned them faithfully.

There is reason to hope, that under the Divine blessing, great good will result from this day's labor.

A public collection was taken up, amounting in the aggregate to twenty-three dollars and seventy cents.

For Domestic Missions, thirteen dollars and twenty cents.

For Indian Missions, six dollars.

For Foreign Missions, four dollars and fifty cents.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., Oct. 15, 1860.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder W. A. Hutson.

The roll was called.

On motion, received a letter and a bundle of Minutes from the Harmony Association, as correspondence from

that body, by the hands of Elder D. D. Booth, her messengers having failed.

On motion, adopted the former Order of Business.

Arranged correspondence, as follows:

To Strong River Association, Elder H. Gill.

To Ebenezer Association, Elder W. West.

To Bethlehem Association, Eld. John Williams.

Resolved, That this Association open a correspondence with the Choctaw Association, and carry out this resolution for the present by letter.

To the Harmony Association, Elder W. A. Hutson appointed messenger.

Called for reports of committees.

Committee on Preaching report: That Brethren West, Williams and White, preach in the order of their names, at the stand, to-day: Bro. Williams being indisposed, was excused.

Committee on queries and requests, reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Committee to write letters reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Committee on State of Religion and Documents reported. After some discussion by brethren Flannagan, Clarke, and others, report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Committee on Nominations reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Committee on Missions reported. Report adopted, after interesting remarks from brethren Williams, Winstead, the Moderator, and others. (See Appendix E.)

Committee on Finance, reported. Report Adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The report of the committee on A Consecrated Ministry, and its Support, was called for, and all the committee not being present, no report was made.

WHEREAS, This Association deems the subject of "A Consecrated Ministry and its Support," not of sufficient moment, under existing circumstances, to claim her special consideration at present:—Therefore,

Resolved, That the committee on that subject, be dispensed with.

On motion, proceeded to the appointment of representatives to the General Association of Regular Baptists of S. E. Mississippi:

Appointed—J. A. Hitt, J. H. Rush, N. B. Roberson, W. W. Hardy, W. R. Butler, Ish'l Bailiff, W. C. Porter, J. M. Pace, W. L. Roberts, J. G. Hicks, H. E. Chambers, A. Clarke, J. N. Watts, O. F. Breeland, W. M. Flannagan, D. Fore, W. A. Hutto, John Williams.

Resolved, That this Association transfer all the monies in her possession for benevolent purposes, to the General Association, and instruct the Treasurer to hand over the amount to our representatives to that body.

Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty of the churches to deal with their members who aid in the evils of Intemperance, by recommending and aiding persons in obtaining license and authority of law to trade in and retail intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That the clerk have the Abstract of Faith, Gospel Order, Powers of the Association and Rules of Decorum, re-published in these Minutes. And that the fourth rule be so amended, (striking out the sentence: *Provided*, that no brother shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two years in succession) as to render any member of this body eligible to the office of Moderator any number of consecutive terms.

Resolved, That the clerk prepare, have printed, and distribute the Minutes, reserving a sufficient number for purposes of correspondence, and receive twenty dollars for his services, and draw on the Treasurer for the funds necessary for the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Association change the times of her meetings from Saturday before the second Lord's day of October, to Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, of each year.

Resolved, That this Association hold her next session with Mt. Pisgah Church, Jasper County, Miss., 8 miles south of Garlandsville, on the road from Brandon (by Mt. Rose) to Enterprise, on Saturday before the third Sabbath of September, A. D. 1861.

Resolved, That Elder L. P. Murrell be appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder W. West be his alternate.

Resolved, That this Association grant Friendship Church a letter of dismission.

On motion,

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered Beulah Church and community, for their great kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

After the Minutes were read and adjusted, a hymn was sung, the brethren giving each other the right hand of christian love and fellowship. Thus closed the twenty-

fourth annual meeting of Mount Pisgah Association, harmony and brotherly love having marked its proceedings throughout.

Closing prayer by Elder L. P. Murrell.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

W. R. BUTLER, Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS:

W. A. Hutson	Morton.
L. P. Murrell	Coonehatta.
N. L. Clarke	Decatur.
H. Gill	"
W. R. Butler	Hillsboro.
D. Killen	Union.
A. Winstead	Herbert.
A. Clarke	Coonehatta.
D. Dove	Union.
J. Herrington	Philadelphia.
John Williams	Garlandsville.
W. West	Turnerville.
T. D. Bain	Citronelle, Ala.
J. H. Rush	"
Jas. A. Hitt	Pineville.
Benj. Sims	Morton.
D. D. Booth	Dixon.

LICENTIATES.

W. A. Hutto	Sebastopol.
G. Myers	Union.
B. F. Spangler	Battlefield.
Joel Scarborough	"
J. Bell	Chunkeyville.
E. S. Robinson	Paulding.
W. M. Flannagan	Garlandsville.
John Thornton	Raleigh.
G. F. Smith	Coonehatta.
G. W. Barnes	Pineville.
J. E. Melton	Morton.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

Report of Committee on Queries and Requests.

We, your committee on Queries and Requests, beg leave to report: That they find no queries, and but two requests—one from Friendship church, asking for a letter of dismission, and one from Mt. Pisgah church, requesting the next annual meeting of this body to be held with her; both of which requests we recommend be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON WEST, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

Letter of Correspondence.

Mount Pisgah Association of Regular Baptists, in annual session for eighteen hundred and sixty, To all bodies with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian salutation:

Dear Brethren: Through the blessings and mercies of our Heavenly Master, we have again been permitted to meet together in our associated capacity, and are glad to say that all the churches composing our body have represented themselves in this our annual meeting, except three. And, dear brethren, we feel to say from the statements of the churches, that many of them have enjoyed precious revivals of religion during the past year. We feel to hope that many sinners have been converted, and found Christ precious to their souls; while some few others complain of coldness and barrenness upon the subject of religion. Yet, from all the facts before us, we are led to the conclusion that our Redeemer's Kingdom is advancing in this part of his moral vineyard.

For all further particulars, we refer you to our messengers and minutes. We thank you for your friendly correspondence, and solicit the continuance of the same. Our next meeting will be held with Mt. Pisgah Church, Jasper County, Mississippi, on the Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, A. D. 1861.

We ask an interest in your prayers; and may the Great Head of the church, who loved us, and gave himself for us, preside over you in all your deliberations. Approved.

Beulah Church, Newton County, Miss., Oct. 15, 1860.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

W. R. BUTLER, Clerk.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Committee on State of Religion and Documents.

Your committee on State of Religion and Documents, would report,—That, judging from the statements made in the letters from the churches composing this Association, that the cause of Religion is in a hopeful condition. It is a matter of thankfulness to God, that all the churches of the body are regularly supplied with the stated preaching of the Word; and that during the past year, many precious souls have been called from darkness to light, and from Satan to God.

Revivals of Religion have taken place in various parts of our beloved country, and a large majority of the churches composing this body have been refreshed and blessed with the outpouring of God's Spirit.

God has answered the prayers of his people, and will answer the prayer of faith. Whereunto we have attained to any measure of spiritual prosperity, let us walk by the same rule—let us mind the same thing. Let us continue to pray, and use every lawful means for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Let us open our hearts and hands and assist our ministers, that they may have an opportunity to study the Word; to so inform their minds that they may be able to preach the Word in its purity, that their congregations may be the more benefited. True, the work is the Lord's; yet, we are his servants; and it is through us, that the world is to be brought to the knowledge of the Truth. Therefore, let him that glorieth, glory in the Lord. We would recommend the churches to meet often, and engage in thanksgivings to God for the past, and in fervent prayer for a continuation of his blessings.

On Publications, we only say, that it is to the interest of God's people to read everything with regard to his Word, that would inform their minds as to its teachings. We recommend the Mississippi Baptist, Tennessee Baptist, and Baptist Correspondent.

Respectfully submited, J. H. RUSH, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your committee nominate Elder L. P. Murrell to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder W. West his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HUTSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

Report of Committee on Missions.

Your committee on Missions, in presenting their report, deem it unnecessary to write at length to prove that the work of Missions is of God, and binding on his people as a duty, from the fact that we have been for years confessedly a Missionary body, and as such, more or less actively engaged in the work. Our own destitution has been regarded, and in a good degree supplied. Nor has the Foreign or Indian Missions been overlooked by us. Hence arguments at length to prove that this work has claims on us, are thought not to be needful.

The chief concern in the minds of your committee is, how greater activity and liberality may be attained in the churches composing this Association; as we fear that instead of advancing on this subject, that with some of the churches there is a declension.

Your committee is aware that it would not be fair to judge of the Missionary zeal of the churches composing this body, by the amount of funds sent up to our annual meetings, as many of our most liberal churches send the whole of their contributions for Missions directly to the General Association. Yet, from the knowledge of your committee, they are able to state that churches not representing themselves in the General Association, do not send up with that liberality they did in years past.

The reasons given for this declension may be that the need is not what it once was. This is admitted as it respects our own bounds. Yet, beyond us, there is much land to be possessed, which we are seeking to reach through the General Association.

Yes, brethren, the need is very great.

Again, it may be objected that the application of the funds sent up, is not under our own control. This is true in part, and in part not true, from the fact that this body, and the

churches composing it have a large representation in the General Association, under whose direction funds sent up are applied—if for Domestic Missions in our own State, or forwarded to their proper destination—if for Indian or Foreign Missions.

There is to your committee's minds no just cause for the declension in the liberality of the churches in the support of the cause of Missions. The churches are growing older and ought to be growing more fruitful in every good work.

In conclusion, your committee would offer the following resolutions for the adoption of the body:

Resolved, That this Association notices, with pain, the declension in the contributions of the churches composing it, to the cause of Missions.

Resolved, That this body recommend to the brethren of the churches composing it, to take into careful consideration their obligations to the Great Head of the church, to labor to spread a knowledge of him abroad, and give the gospel to the destitute and perishing families of the earth.

Resolved, That this Association respectfully request and humbly urge the pastors of the various churches composing this body, to present the work of Missions before their charge in the light of the Bible, and labor to foster the Missionary spirit, and encourage the churches to greater liberality.

Respectfully submitted,
L. P. MURRELL, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report:

WHEREAS, We consider Sabbath Schools as the nursery of the church. Our Lord and Saviour has given us an example. He himself, was the first Sabbath School Teacher, at the age of 12 years. He was found sitting in God's Temple, teaching and answering questions and expounding the Scriptures to all who were present. We are commanded to bring up our children in the fear and nurture of the Lord. And how can we do this better than by organizing Sabbath Schools in our churches, with good and pious teachers, gathering together all the young, teaching them to honor their father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, and remember their Creator in the days of their youth; instructing them in the Word of God, which is the Sword of the Spirit, and in all things that shall make them wise unto salvation, and teaching them to fear God and keep his commandments: to observe one Faith, One Lord, and One Baptism, and then they will learn Wisdom and Truth.

As they grow up they will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whom to know is Life Eternal. And then, at riper years, they will become pious and virtuous members, both of church and society.

Therefore, be it resolved, 1st. That every church be urged to form a Sabbath School, and as far as practicable represent themselves in the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union.

2nd. That we recommend the adoption and use of the books put forth by that body.

3d. That this Association represent herself in the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Convention, to be held on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in November next, at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BUTLER, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Your committee on Finance report: That they have examined the Treasurer's report, and find a balance in his hands for Associational purposes, amounting to..... ....$17 35

Received from the churches, for Associational purposes this session	122 05
" for Domestic Missions.....	19 75
" from Pub. Col. on Lord's Day, D. M.....	13 20
" " " " " " I. M.....	6 00
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Total....	$182 85

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. GORHAM, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized	Rec. by Let'r.	Restored	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Dead	White Males	White Females	Colored	Number Minutes. Total Number	Asso. Purposes.	Dom. Missions.	Time of Meeting.	Ordained Min's'rs	Licentiates.	For. & Ind Miss'ns	REMARKS.
Hillsboro'	Scott	W R Butler, H Eastland	Hillsboro'	13	14	1	4	1	1	..	..	..	68 40	$ 5 00	$ 7 50	4	1	0	50	W R Butler, P
Friendship	Leake	C P Garey	Ditto	..	..	..	6	3	2	..	..	..	19 20	3 00	1 00	2	..	..	..	S J Denson, S
Pleasant Hill	Newton	L P Murrell, G F Smith, A Taylor, J M Pace,	Conehatta	24	8	1	14	1	2	67	76	8	151 45	6 00	.....	1	2	1	..	L P Murrell, P
Union	Scott	J S Pledger	Hillsboro'	14	43	..	4	1	2	..	..	..	84 30	4 00	.....	2	..	..	..	L P Murrell, S
Sulphur Spring	Ditto	H E Chambers, A C Gunn	County Line	1	..	..	5	..	..	8	19	1	28 15	2 00	.....	2	..	..	..	W A Hutson, S
New Prospect	Ditto	Wm Sterling, J W Faulkner	Forest	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	24 25	2 50	.....	3	..	..	..	W R Butler, S
Ebenezer	Neshoba	N H Basset, M B Kirk	High Hill	4	6	..	2	1	..	16	20	15	51 25	3 00	.....	2	1	..	..	D Killen, S
Sardis	Scott	W A Hutto, J D Jones	Sebastopol	20	1	1	14	1	..	37	38	5	80 25	5 00	.....	2	..	1	..	W R Butler, S
New Prospect	Newton	W C Underwood	County Line	4	9	..	5	1	..	10	12	4	26 15	1 50	.....	1	..	..	..	D Dove, S
Red Land	Neshoba	W J Hester	Union	2	6	1	9	..	1	8	14	..	22 15	2 00	.....	2	1	..	..	D Killen, P
Centre Hill	Ditto	L Payne	Philadelphia	15	12	..	8	..	..	18	26	..	41 30	3 00	.....	3	..	..	..	A Winstead, P
Fellowship	Lauderdale	A Pace, Gray Sandifer	Fanning's St	6	4	..	9	..	..	25	32	16	73 40	5 00	4 25	2	..	..	..	E Pace, S
Zion	Kemper	S P Pool, J Huston	Calvert's Sto	..	1	..	4	3	..	8	18	2	28 15	1 00	2 00	1	..	..	..	J Herrington, S
Herbert	Neshoba	E J Collins	Herbert	5	10	..	5	..	1	12	24	15	51 20	2 00	.....	4	..	..	..	A Winstead, S
Bluff Springs	Ditto	O F Breeland, M Hitt	Do	2	4	..	5	..	..	12	22	..	34 20	2 50	.....	1	..	1	..	A Winstead, S
Tallahatta	Newton	A Winstead, Wm Allen	Battlefield	1	4	..	2	1	1	25	30	2	57 20	3 00	.....	2	1	3	..	A Winstead, P
Beulah	Ditto	A Grisset, Wm Graham	Decatur	..	3	1	11	3	..	19	34	12	69 25	2 00	.....	4	1	..	..	D Killen, P
Pinckney	Ditto	H Gill	Union	9	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	47 25	3 00	.....	4	..	..	..	H Gill, P
Decatur	Ditto	N L Clarke, Ishmael Bailiff, J Hale	Decatur	12	18	..	12	..	4	34	58	28	120 50	5 00	.....	1	1	..	..	N L Clarke, P
Poplar Springs	Ditto	D Jones, S Coker	Garlandsville	13	14	..	2	..	..	20	23	..	43 20	2 50	.....	1	..	..	..	H Gill, S
Pine Ridge	Ditto	J W Murray, J G Hicks	Lake	8	10	..	3	1	1	18	26	10	54 25	3 00	.....	4	..	..	..	L P Murrell, S
Bethel	Ditto	A P Wash	Garlandsville	9	8	2	3	..	1	14	31	12	57 25	4 00	.....	3	..	..	..	L P Murrell, S
Tallahala	Scott	A Clarke, Daniel Fore	Sherman Hill	14	6	1	2	..	..	16	20	1	37 20	2 00	.....	1	1	1	..	J Williams, S
Garlandsville	Jasper	W W Hardy, W M Flannagan	Garlandsville	4	49	2	0	..	..	15	22	22	59 30	2 50	.....	4	..	..	..	N L Clarke, S

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